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U.S. House of Representatives considered and passed High-Performance Buildings Resolution introduced by Congressman Russ Carnahan.

(WASHINGTON) - Today the U.S. House passed H. Res. 492 introduced by Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) supporting the goals and ideals of High-Performance Buildings Week. This resolution provides greater public awareness about the benefits of high-performance buildings and works to increase education about the impact of the built environment.

"I continue to surprise constituents when I tell them 40% of annual U.S. CO₂ emissions come from buildings,"

said Congressman Carnahan.

"It's imperative Congress not only address vehicle and factory emissions, but also set healthier building standards to reflect the urgency of addressing global warming."

The resolution stresses the continued support of the U.S. House of Representatives to ensuring that the U.S. continues future research, development and deployment of high-performance building technologies. High-Performance Building Week is from June 15-19, 2009.

"The impact of implementing new technologies in new and existing buildings has not only an environmental impact, but an economic impact by creating jobs right here in the U.S.," said Carnahan. **"It is my job, and the role of government, to work with industry to set high, sustainable standards, and to provide workable incentives to help meet these standards to benefit the health and well-being of American families."**

High-performance buildings are designed not only with "green" attributes of energy efficiency, water and resource conservation, occupant productivity, and life cycle performance, but also with a need for accessibility, cost-effectiveness, safety, security, and historic preservation.

The resolution is supported by the High-Performance Buildings Caucus Coalition, a group of over 100 industries and organizations which advocate and support the development and construction of high-performance buildings.

Carnahan co-founded and co-chairs the bipartisan High-Performance Buildings Caucus with Congresswoman Judy Biggert (IL-13).

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